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MEMORANDUM

April 16, 2015

TO: Virginia State Board of Elections

FROM: Prince William County Electoral Board

RE: Pilot Election Required for Hart InterCivic Verity Voting Systems
Dumfries Special Election April 14, 2015

First, I must thank you for moving forward the meeting date at which you will decide the fate of certifying the Verity Scan and Touch Writer voting equipment.

The Director of Elections/General Registrar, Michele White, has already reported to the Department of Elections that the Dumfries Town Election using the Verity VMs went without incident.

The PWC Electoral Board felt it important that we report to you our on-hand observations.

All the Officers of Elections were experienced officers. The Chief Officer was instructed by the EB to run the election as normal. Her officers were to setup and takedown and operate all facets of the election. There would be a multitude of observers present with lots of experience, including Office of Elections staff members, a couple of whom would stay all day, but others who would rotate in and out. Staff was there to observe and learn, mostly for training experience. Representatives from the Hart InterCivic were there for machine issues and also for observing. We hosted several Registrars and Electoral Board members from surrounding jurisdictions who were also present to observe use of the equipment. All the observers had prior Electoral Board approval. And we had some members of the press.

The EB Secretary, Keith Scarborough, and Vice Chairman, Jane Reynolds, were on hand for opening the precinct. They reported that all seemed to go smoothly and that all setup was complete very close to 6 am, with a timely opening.

I arrived in the early evening to observe voter interaction and close of the polls and the packing-up. Keith Scarborough and Jane Reynolds also returned so that the entire EB was present.

During the time before closing, the EB discussed the day with the CO and EOs. They all agreed that there were no issues. The voters quickly caught on to the 'new' way. Not a single voter had a complaint with or error in inserting the ballots. We queried the use of the ADA compliant Touch Writer machine. No voter requested its use. However, in anticipation of that, we had asked the CO to request volunteers to use that machine. The ADA VM was used twice (the CO was one of the voters).

The close and take down went very well. The preparation of the SOR also went smoothly. All checks and balances matched. In addition to the standard procedures, we had the EOs hand-count the voted ballots, simply to prove to the EB that the results provided by the Verity Voting System were as the voter (as evidenced by the ballot) had intended.

The PWCEB is very pleased to report that there were no problems of any type during any part of the Dumfries Special Election, but, most importantly, there were none from the use of the new Verity Voting System.

I have attached the signature page of the SOR, the results page of the SOR, the hand-count tally sheet of the paper ballots by the EOs and EB, a blank incident report and an unsolicited sticky note from the CO. (blank-because it was not used)

The Prince William County Electoral Board and Office of Elections respectfully request that you "certify" the Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System for use in Virginia.

Respectfully,

Tony Guiffre, Chairman
Prince William County Electoral Board